



# St. Paul's Lutheran School



## From the Principal



Our theme for this school year is the word **"CONNECTED"**.

**Basketball** has the power to bring people together and foster a sense of being connected to others. Playing basketball helps foster a sense of community and teamwork. You may have the chance to positively interact with people from different backgrounds and abilities, which broadens your perspective and understanding of others. Being part of a basketball team gives us all the opportunity to be a part of a team and connected to a larger community.

**A basketball tournament** is yet another unique opportunity that God gives us to connect with others. Coaches form connections with their players, players connect with their teammates, teams compete against each other and often forge new friendships in the process, fans in the stands bond with each other as they support their sons or daughters.

**In Ephesians 4:16** the Bible teaches that we are all part of the body of Christ and that we need to be connected to one another. The whole body is joined and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the properly measured working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love. It is our prayer that this basketball tournament helps you to feel **CONNECTED** to those around you, and that your connection with our Lord and Savior continues to be strengthened!

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 16	6:00 Choice Meeting
Nov 17-18	Girls Tournament
Nov 22-24	Thanksgiving break-NO SCHOOL
<b>Dec 14</b>	<b>* 1:30 Band and Choir Mini Concert*</b>

**\*\* The Mini Concert will consist of each group performing a short selection of Christmas songs. Parents are welcome to attend.**



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# FACTS

Remember to set up your account in our new Student Information System, FACTS. Instructions on how to do this are available from the school office. Contact the school office if you have any questions.

# CHOICE MEETING DATES

Come find out about the Wisconsin and Milwaukee Choice programs. Two meeting dates have been set:

Thursday, November 16, 2023

Thursday, February 22, 2023

## CONGRATULATIONS!!!

St. Paul's alumni continue to excel in High School. Congratulations to these alum for being named **Student of the Month** at Martin Luther High School:

**\*Anna Carson (2026)**  
**Solomon James (2024)**  
**Hannah Schaber (2024)**



\*Anna is also the lead in this weekend's performances of *The Sound of Music*.

You are all making us **PROUD!**

## SINGING SCHEDULE

- December 9 – 6-8<sup>th</sup>Grade 5:00pm
- December 13 3K,4K & K 6:00pm
- December 16 – 1-5<sup>th</sup>Grade 5:00pm

# GIRL'S TOURNAMENT

## TOURNAMENT HELP AND DONATIONS

The Girls Tournament is quickly approaching – November 17 & 18. Your help and donations are needed.

Here is the link to sign up to volunteer to help: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4EABAF2AA57-45362399-stpauls#/>

Also, the kitchen is taking cash donations so they can go and purchase the items needed to prepare the food. Send your donation to the school office in an envelope marked "Girls Tournament Kitchen Donation". Thank you.

**Pep Rally - Friday, Nov. 17th - 1:30pm**

## TEACHER OF THE YEAR

### ***Nominations Now Open!***

Each year, the South Wisconsin District selects an outstanding educator for the Teacher of the Year award in the following categories: early childhood teacher, elementary teacher, high school teacher, early childhood director, and principal. To nominate an educator who has at least two years of teaching experience, go to [swd.lcms.org/TOTY](http://swd.lcms.org/TOTY)

**Nominations are open through November 15**

# BIRTHDAYS

## NOVEMBER

Savannah Campagna  
Matthew Dawursk  
Leo Chapa  
Aaron Drent  
Nadia Galindo  
Madison Waupoose  
Abigail Bublitz  
Peyton Luna  
Josh Hafemann  
Ava Bingenheimer  
Abigail Gennerman  
Lauren Flessert  
Ronan Slaske  
Memphis Cruz  
Logan Wachholtz

# BAPTISMBIRTHDAYS

## NOVEMBER BAPTISMS

Kayla Gennerman  
Matthew Dawursk  
Skylee Ulatowski  
Benjamin Bublitz  
Aevery Moonen  
Maverick Dachowski

May God continue to keep you in your  
Baptismal Grace!

# FROM THE PASTOR

The Justice of God

*Yet you say 'the way of the Lord is not just' O house of Israel, I will judge each of you according to his ways. Ezekiel 33:20*

Is God just? Sometimes it sure is hard to think that he is. Life rarely seems to feel fair. We are blamed for things we do not do, and face consequences that stem from the actions of others. We see criminals go free, and innocent people suffering. It would be easy to claim that God is not just while looking at the world around us.

Ezekiel had to deal with this question from the Israelites. This book was written while the Israelites were in Babylon, in exile. Jerusalem had been conquered and the people carried off to a foreign land. This did not seem fair, this did not seem just. Yes the people of Jerusalem were unfaithful, but so were their fathers. Yet their fathers did not get punished with Babylon! Yes the people of Jerusalem were unfaithful, but it was because of the rulers. Why was God punishing people for the actions of their leaders? That was the question that people were asking.

So how does God answer their questions? He turns the question back on them. He told them that he was going to judge each man according to his own deeds- and that is how he always has operated. Yes, their fathers sinned and Babylon did not come. But that does not mean God never approached their fathers. He approached them with prophets warning of the destruction that was coming if they continued in their ways. Yet instead of repenting and turning from their ways the people continued sinning. Therefore, God sent his justice through Babylon just as he said he would. But Babylon would not be the end of the story- God was going to restore the people as well and bring them back home. Not because the people were so great, but because God chose too.

In truth each of us deserve Babylon. Each of us deserve the justice of God to come in terms of destruction. But God chooses to hold back on the destruction, and to give mercy instead. Jesus is going to come in Justice, but before that time arrives he already comes to us. He comes to us through his word warning of the justice to come. The Word of God tells us to turn from our sinful ways, and return to him. He will be merciful to all who confess their sins and ask for forgiveness.

We cannot claim that our God is inconsistent. If the people of Jerusalem had heeded the warnings of the prophets he would have been merciful and not sent Babylon. If we repent today he will be merciful and we will be able to go to our heavenly home. Our God is indeed a just God and he will judge each person by his deeds. The question we need to ask ourselves is this. Do we want our deeds to stand out on their own, or do we want our deeds joined together with the deeds of Christ who lived the perfect life? For indeed if in baptism we have been joined with Christ then we are innocent, for he lived the perfect life on our behalf. We do not need to fear the wrath of God, for we have been made perfect and innocent through the death and resurrection of his son Jesus Christ. Now having received mercy let us continue bringing God's justice to this world by connecting people to Jesus.